

February 8, 1996 LB 905

CLERK: LB 905 was introduced by Senator Chambers. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 3, referred to the Judiciary Committee. The committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Chambers, on LB 905.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I will make my opening very brief because there are some questions that people may want to ask for clarification. This bill would say that on no citations can a person be required to have his or her social security number put. A citation is the complaint that is filed against a person. Complaints are public records. These can be obtained and people's social security numbers can be obtained. This is not a requirement on citations issued by the state, through the State Patrol, it's not on the citations issued by Lincoln. And although the Supreme Court could design the citation in such a way that this information is not required, in talking to Joe Steele he said it would be better to just go ahead and let the Legislature do it legislatively, then it removes any question from anybody's mind. There is no law enforcement reason to require the social security number. A few years ago we took the number off the license that a person carries, off numerous documents, numerous identification papers because there was no reason for it to be there. It is not an identification number, it's primarily to be used in connection with social security. There might be questions, as I stated, so in order that the time won't elapse, I will spend that time answering whatever questions anybody may have.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Discussion on LB 905. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Crosby and members of the body. We, or some of us in Omaha, were alerted to LB 905, that it has been a practice in some cases that, indeed, to identify individuals, because of the numbers of people in Omaha, which John Smith to delineate from the other John Smith. And so, quite frankly, we kind of were concerned. But what I'm seeing, and, Senator Chambers, I told you that I would like to ask some questions of you if you would yield, these citations are issued for improper use of handicap parking. And, of course, that would go to a car, right?